

# THE BEACON

March 18, 2026

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

12:10 p.m. - Service of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. - Lenten Vespers

### The Senses Incarnate: The Christ Dwells in Us

As human beings, we have five senses – sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste. Our senses are, of course, always in dialogue with and processed by our intellect, but followers of the risen Christ have also long understood faith as that work of the Holy Spirit within us that integrates our senses and intellect to give us a deeper and more complete understanding of reality.

**March 18** - “Touch: your faith has made you well”

**March 25** - “Taste: taste and see that the Lord is good”

## WINTER SEMINAR

Our Winter Seminar series on *The Bible Tells Me So* concludes on Wednesday, March 18, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is “The Bible: Just As It Is.”



## LAWN “PARTY”

There will be a church lawn “party” workday Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 a.m. Please bring tractors, trailers, wheelbarrows, rakes, scoops, shovels, and other lawn tools. The primary task will be spreading mulch. Work will proceed rain or shine.

## NEW SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Cherished Belonging* by Gregory Boyle Sunday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$24.00.

## PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, March 22, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

### ***Funeral Pre-Planning and Advance Medical Directives: Individual and Family Concerns***

Speakers:

Erica Hall, Licensed Funeral Director, Tharp Funeral Home

Wayne Lanham, Chaplain, Centra Health (retired) and Tharp Funeral Home

What are the advantages of pre-planning your funeral? What are the potential financial and emotional costs to families in the absence of funeral pre-planning? Are pre-planned funeral contracts portable? What can happen if you have no advance medical directive and are unable to make decisions for yourself when critically ill? What can happen if you are critically ill and unable to make decisions and you have no family? How can an advance medical directive help you and your family? These and many other questions about funeral pre-planning and advance medical directives will be answered at this informative program. Adults of all ages will benefit from this information.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

## HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES

Sunday, March 22

4:00 p.m.

### TRIO NICHE

Susan Via, violin

Sarah Glosson, cello

Tom Marshall, fortepiano

with John Kumro, tenor

Music of Mozart, Hummel, Haydn, Schubert,  
and Beethoven Irish and Scottish songs





# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026

*The Lessons: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*  
*The liturgical color for season of Lent is purple.*

**8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
(Parlor)

*Cherished Belonging*

INTRODUCTION / The Wild One

**10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM**

**2:00 P.M. - PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES**

**4:00 P.M. - TRIO NICHE CONCERT**

**4:00 P.M. - JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH** (grades six - twelve)

**6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS** (grades six - eight)

## THE WEEK OF MARCH 22 - 28

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- LENTEN VESPERS
	7:30 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Awakening the Divine</i>
	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Four Vision Quests of Jesus</i>
	5:15 P.M.	- HOLY TRINITY DINNER & HOLY COMMUNION at Westminster Canterbury

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Patricia Mickley**. Hospitalized and released is **Lynn Brooks**.  
Recuperating from outpatient surgery are **Barb Hatin** and **Jürgen Pest**.

## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our March outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of March. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1501 Rivermont Avenue, on Thursday, March 19, from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code Centenary to schedule an appointment.

## BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE

There is still Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew available. The cost is \$12.50 per quart. Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.

## CANDY NEEDED

The Holy Trinity Youth will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for young children in our congregation and in the community on Sunday, March 29. Would you be able to make a candy donation? Any kind will be enjoyed! The candy will need to be in individual packages as we'll not be using Easter eggs for hiding the candy. Please drop-off candy at Susan Williams' office for safe keeping.

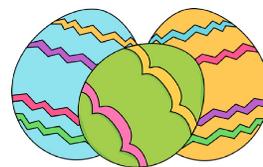


## LENTEN OFFERINGS

Our special Lenten offerings are used for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod. Virginia Lutheran Homes serves hundreds of aging residents in two locations across the Virginia Synod. Brandon Oaks, a life-care retirement community, and Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center are located in Roanoke. Luther Crest is located in New Market and provides apartment living and supportive services for residents who need subsidized rental assistance. Virginia Lutheran Homes is one aspect of Holy Trinity's extended ministry through our partnership with the Virginia Synod. We are asked to use the special Lenten envelopes included in our envelope packets or give through the online portal on our website or through the Vanco Mobile app.

**CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES  
THE WEEK OF MARCH 22 - 28**

- Sunday, March 22**      9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (grades one - five)  
4:00 p.m. - Junior & Senior Youth (grades six - twelve)  
*Easter Egg Hunt Prep*  
*Join us for Egg Hunt preparations.*  
*The hunt will be held Sunday, March 29,*  
*and we've got fun work to do in advance!*  
6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)
- Wednesday, March 25**      5:30 p.m. - Children's Ministry (age three - grade five)



**WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Our final monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry of this program year will be held March 25, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

**NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED**

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks. Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday, March 29, at 4:30 p.m., on the lawn

Games, Crafts, Prizes!

Open to all children from birth to fifth grade.  
Invite your family and neighbors to join in the fun!

Hosted by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth.

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER WORSHIP**



**March 29**

**Sunday of the Passion**

*Palm Sunday*

- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion with Palm Procession and Passion Story  
10:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion with Palm Procession and Passion Story

**April 1**

**Wednesday in Holy Week**

*Spy Wednesday*

- 12:10 p.m. - Spoken Service of Holy Communion

**April 2**

**Maundy Thursday**

- 12:10 p.m. - Spoken Service of Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

**April 3**

**Good Friday**

- 12:10 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy  
7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy and Tenebrae (Service of Shadows)

**April 4**

**Holy Saturday**

- 8:00 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter

**April 5**

**Easter Day**

- 7:00 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion in the Columbarium  
(The service will be held in the Nave if the weather is inclement.)  
7:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. - Festival Liturgy of the Resurrection

***Since the use of light and darkness is important in the drama of worship, please note that the Good Friday evening service begins at 7:30 p.m. and the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday begins at 8:00 p.m.***

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Financial members with 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars to direct are asked to consider Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars expire **March 31**.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5, at 7:30 a.m.

Please join us for an Easter Breakfast Buffet immediately following the 7:00 a.m. service.

The menu features egg casserole, Canadian bacon, fruit salad, sweet rolls, biscuits, and beverages.

A free will donation is requested.

Please make reservations in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, or call the church office (384-8441) by April 2.



### THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Edie Leamon**, coordinator; **Sheila Krull**, **Susan Manion**, **Ida Proco**, **Christine Rooney**, **Mike Rooney**, **Anna-Liisa Rosner**, **Lisa Taylor**, **Tonda Ulmer**, and **Erica Wolfe** for serving in the Food Pantry.
- Thanks to **Betty Blevins**, **Bruce & Heather Royer**, **Deb Serio**, and **Julie Taylor** for providing food for the University of Maryland students who are staying in the Youth House this week while they volunteer at Lynchburg Grows.
- Thanks to **ALL** who attended the Third Sunday meal prepared by the Holy Trinity Youth Mission Trip Team. \$270 was donated to the Team's mission trip to Savannah, GA in June. The total contributed to the youth at Third Sunday Program suppers this year is \$1,208.05, which will cover the cost of their rental van this summer. Thanks to our youth and to all for their support.
- Thanks to **Ida Proco**, coordinator; **Wilma Beebe**, **Judy Berryman**, **Betsy Farrar**, **Carla Fedeler**, **Martha Johnson**, **Leslie Roberts**, **Melissa Schmidt**, and **Jeff & Sally Schneider** for volunteering to prepare and serve the Kids' Haven dinner.

### WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

To create a worshipful space for spiritual preparation, reflection, and prayerfulness, we are reminded to refrain from conversations during the Prelude, Offertory Anthem, and Communion Distribution. Let us be respectful of other worshipers and our musicians.

### CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **April 26**, **May 31**, **June 7**, **June 14**, and **June 21**. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **May 3**, **May 17**, **May 31**, **June 21**, and **June 28**. The cost of altar flowers is \$100 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

### UPDATED YEARBOOK INFORMATION NEEDED

We are currently working on the 2026 Holy Trinity Yearbook which will be mailed later in the spring. All members are asked to review their household's information as listed in the 2025 Yearbook. In particular, let us know if you have discontinued your land line telephone, what cell phone number(s) you would like published, and what email address(es), if any, you would like published. You may email or call the church office with updated information. Thanks for your cooperation.

### FLEA MARKET

Our Holy Trinity Flea Market will be held Saturday, April 18, from 7:00 a.m. - noon. Unwanted "treasures" including furniture, toys, books, kitchen items, tools and gardening equipment, sports equipment, jewelry, and electronics may be donated to the sale and brought to the church between **Monday, April 13**, and **Thursday, April 16**. We are unable to accept clothing or old televisions. **No early deliveries, please**. All items need to be in good, clean condition and in working order. The proceeds support the Holy Trinity Youth Summer Mission Trip.



### LAST CALL - EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to purchase lilies for the altar for the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and our worship on Easter Day are asked to return the form below with payment (\$20.00 per plant) by **March 22**.

Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Day.



Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory \_\_\_\_\_  
(please circle)

Payment of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (\$20.00 per plant)

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*

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